



Ravenna City Council
Community & Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes
November 16th, 2020

The public meeting was held via Zoom and live streamed via YouTube. A video recording of the meeting can be found at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DhIG4RCRG_Y&t=1s

Council present via Zoom: Council President Andrew Kluge, Amy Michael, Rob Kairis, Paul Moskun, Cheryl Wood, Tim Calfee, Christina West, and Matt Harper.

Also attending the meeting via Zoom: Mayor Frank Seman; Law Director, Frank Cimino; Police Chief, Jeff Wallis; Fire Chief, Geoffrey Cleveland; Finance Director, Brian Huff; City Engineer, Bob Finney; Service Director, Kay Dubinsky; and Council Clerk, Chelsea Gregor

The Community & Economic Development Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Chairperson, Christina West.

The only item was an ordinance to appropriate \$48,500 for debris removal at 645 Chestnut. Ms. West stated that the City is hoping to demolish the building sooner than later. There have been issues with trying to keep people out and keep people safe inside. The debris removal would need to be done before the building could be demolished.

Mayor Seman stated that Mr. West has worked very hard to get to a place where the City can get the building torn down, along with Mr. Cimino on the legal side of things. He stated that the \$48,500 is the best price that they could find to remove the debris, with some companies declining to consider the project for a quote. The estimated cost of demolishing the building is \$650,000. The City does not own the building and so it has sought permission from the judge to go ahead and take it down.

Mr. Calfee inquired as to why the debris cannot stay with the building when it is demolished and it was explained that the building will be demolished at no cost to the City and the brick and wood will be reclaimed to be repurposed. The time estimate for the debris removal is one to two weeks with heavy equipment to clean the building out.

- The item was moved forward

Management Update

The Mayor stated that with Thanksgiving coming up during the pandemic the need to be careful is much stronger than it was in the past. The City will be putting up the Christmas tree on Saturday and the lighting of the tree will be virtual. Merchants will be open, but the goal is to not draw huge crowds.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:35 P.M.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

Christina West, Chairperson
Community & Economic Development